

Remarks/Arguments:

1. Claims 1, 4, and 5 are pending. In the Examiner's Amendment and Notice of Allowance and Fees(s) Due mailed January 2, 2004, the Examiner amended the specification to correct the filing date of the priority application U.S. provisional application 60/293,411 and amended claims 1 and 4 to change the term "genetically-modified" to "transgenic" in each of these claims and, in claim 1 only, amended the claim to add the limitation "in spermatozoa". In addition, the Examiner provided initialed Information Disclosure Citation forms for Information Disclosure Statements filed by Applicants on November 1, 2001 and September 29, 2003. Applicants acknowledge receipt of these initialed forms, but note that, for the form submitted by Applicants on September 29, 2003, US Appl. No. 0025969 was not initialed. Therefore, Applicants request that the Examiner please return this form again wherein this citation is also initialed.

2. The specification is being further amended herein with respect to priority information. In addition to the previous correction made by Examiner's amendment, the filing date for the priority application U.S. provisional application 60/255,689 is being amended herein to reflect the correct filing date of December 14, 2000 (rather than December 17, 2000). As the Examiner will appreciate this is merely a formal matter of correction and no new matter is added by amendment. In addition, Applicants submit herewith a substitute Declaration in which the filing dates for both priority U.S. provisional applications are corrected. Therefore, entry of the amendment hereinabove is respectfully requested.

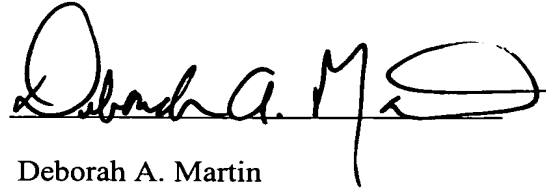
3. Claim 1 is being amended herein to correct the spelling of "spermatozoa" and to delete the article "a" before "functional" that was inadvertently added by the Examiner's Amendment of January 2, 2004. As the Examiner will appreciate, this proposed amendment to claim 1 is a matter of formal correction and makes no substantive changes. Therefore, entry of the amendment hereinabove is respectfully requested.

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